- (b) fragments thereof containing amino acids 1-24, 1-25, 1-26 or 1-27;
- (c) pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof; or
- (d) N- or C- derivatives thereof;

wherein:

 X_{01} is Ser, Ala or Gly; and

 X_{02} is Glu or Arg,

provided that said peptide is not $hPTH(1-26)NH_2$, $hPTH(1-27)NH_2$ or $hPTH(1-28)NH_2$.

Please substitute the following claim 3 for the pending claim 3:

(Once amended) The peptide of claim, wherein the peptide is labeled with a label selected from the group consisting of: radiolabel, fluorescent label, bioluminescent label or chemiluminescent label.

Please substitute the following claim 11 for the pending claim 11:

9. H. (Once amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising

(a) an isolated biologically active peptide consisting essentially of the formula: $X_{01} Val Ser Glu Ile Gln Leu Met His Asn Leu Gly Lys His Leu Asn Ser Met X_{02}.$ $Arg Val Glu Trp Leu Arg Lys Lys Leu \ (SEQ\ ID\ NO:1);$

(b) fragments thereof containing amino acids 1-24, 1-25, 1-26 or 1-27;

- (c) pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof; or
- (d) N- or C- derivatives thereof;

wherein:

 X_{01} is Ser, Ala or Gly; and

X₀₂ is Glu or Arg.

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Please add the following claims:

10-33. The peptide of claim 2 which is:

GlyValSerGluIleGlnLeuMetHisAsnLeuGlyLysHisLeuAsnSerMetArgArgValGluTrpLeuArg LysLysLeu (SEQ ID NO: 2).

11. 34. The peptide of claim which is:

AlaValSerGluIleGlnLeuMetHisAsnLeuGlyLysHisLeuAsnSerMetArgArgValGluTrpLeuArg LysLysLeu (SEQ ID NO: 4).

The peptide of claim which is:

GlyValSerGluIleGlnLeuMetHisAsnLeuGlyLysHisLeuAsnSerMetGluArgValGluTrpLeuArg LysLysLeu (SEQ ID NO: 10).

3. The peptide of claim which is:

AlaValSerGluIleGlnLeuMetHisAsnLeuGlyLysHisLeuAsnSerMetGluArgValGluTrpLeuArg LysLysLeu (SEQ ID NO: 8).

المجان The peptide of claim which is:

SerValSerGluIleGlnLeuMetHisAsnLeuGlyLysHisLeuAsnSerMetArgArgValGluTrpLeuArg LysLysLeu (SEQ ID NO: 6).